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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, starting at line 2 with the following text:

A1 The above and other features and advantages of the present invention will become further apparent from the following description of the preferred embodiment taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings wherein:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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Page 1.21 A2: Please replace the text of claim 1 with following text.

1. An interface circuit for USB data transfer, comprising:  
a power source determination circuit for determining a type of power source;